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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Twelve of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. C. Iyyukutty, K. T. Mathew Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and M. Sivarama Menon were absent.

The Cochin Land Conservancy Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran (*Government Advocate and Law Officer*).—I move that the Cochin Land Conservancy Act Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—I second it.

Mr. President.—I cannot allow Mr. Panicker's amendment to be moved at this stage. The Hon'ble Member wants to extend the operation of the Bill to the whole State.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas South*).—Except the Chittur Taluk. There would be no controversy.

Mr. President.—I am afraid it cannot be done. It is wrong on principle to allow an amendment to be moved at the third reading.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Ezhuthassan Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—I beg to move that the Cochin Ezhuthassan Bill be taken up and finally passed.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Maternity Benefit Bill.

Mrs. G. M. D'Souza Williams (*Nominated*).—I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Maternity Benefit Bill§ and move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration. The Select Committee made only one change in the Bill, that is, in clause 5, sub clause (2) of the Bill, the period of benefit was resolved to be extended to 8 weeks instead of 7 weeks. With this one modification, the Bill was fully accepted by the Select Committee. Last time when this Bill was introduced in the Council I spoke about the necesssity of maternity benefit to factory women workers and that a small benefit of 3 annas per day will help to prevent the women from starvation during the period of confinement. I hope the Hon'ble Members of this House realising the sad plight of women workers will now consider this Bill in a spirit of sympathy and compassion.

മിസ്സിസ്സ് മീനാക്ഷി എൻ. മേനോൻ (*Nominated*).— സർ, ഈ ബില്ലിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞതവണ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും യാതൊരു എതിർപ്പും ഉണ്ടാകാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം ഒരു പ്രസംഗമൊന്നുംകൂടാതെ ഈ ബില്ലിനെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

Motion put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 14 put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and Preamble put and carried.

Mrs. G. M. D'Souza Williams (*Nominated*).—I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Nambudiri Kudumba Bill

***Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** (*Nellayi*).—Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Nambudiri

§ Vide Appendix I.

* Speech not corrected by Hon'ble Member.

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